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## **Maintenance Dredging Groundbreaking Ceremony scheduled at New Smyrna Beach**

Jacksonville, Fla. - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District and The Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) will mark the start of maintenance dredging of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway with a groundbreaking ceremony in the New Smyrna Beach, Fla., area on March 19 at 1:20 p.m. The ceremony will be held at the 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue Park, 3701 S. Atlantic Ave., New Smyrna Beach, Fla., in conjunction with U.S. Rep Michael Feeney's annual beach inspection walk.

The primary purpose of this project is maintenance dredging of the middle and northern reaches of the Intracoastal Waterway channel in Volusia County in the vicinity of Ponce de Leon Inlet and New Smyrna Beach. As an added benefit, approximately 269,000 cubic yards of beach quality dredged material will be placed on the beaches of New Smyrna from approximately Sapphire Road to approximately 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue. The beach will remain open to all beach users except for a 200-500 ft. construction area which will advance south along the beach by approximately 100 yards a day as work progresses. Project completion is currently scheduled for December 2008.

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